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**Art Unit 3611**

**Attn: Certificate of Correction Branch**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent  
Patent No. 7,017,446; Issued: March 28, 2006  
For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**  
Inventors: OKADA *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0666.023000O/TGD/AFK

**Certificate  
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of Correction**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Certificate of Correction Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322;
2. A copy of the Declaration as filed on November 22, 2000;
3. Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 be issued for the above-captioned United States Patent. This Certificate of Correction is being requested due to mistakes which appear in the printed patent. The correct spelling of the Inventor's name appears on the Declaration filed with the application. A copy of the Declaration is enclosed. Therefore, these mistakes were made by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Specifically, the printed patent contains the following errors for which a Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested:

First named inventor, "Hiedeaki Okada", should read --Hideaki Okada--.

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### Remarks

The above-noted corrections do not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require reexamination.

A completed Form PTO/SB/44 accompanies this request, with the above-noted corrections printed thereon. Accordingly, a Certificate of Correction is believed proper and issuance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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PATENT NO: 7,017,446

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It is certified that error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below.

In section (76) of the cover page, first named inventor, "Hiedeaki Okada", should read --Hideaki Okada--.

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